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The Hotel is awaiting the vast number of guests, and our Registration Chairman and his crew of workers will be there to greet all with a smile and a friendly "Hello."

The YN will have their day, and the Ladies, with Dolly Criswell as leader, will enjoy the events planned for them. To the Dealers, I will do my best to see that there is as little line-standing as possible.

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This year's team is headed by Mr. F.U.N., Bob Hendershott, who, as General Chairman, has managed somehow to pull the whole show together into the best State Show in the country today. Bob also is able to secure hotel facilities for future conventions, which is no easy task today with the size to which our organization has grown.

As Co-Chairman, Grover Criswell lends his expertise in seeing that all financial matters are taken care of and F.U.N. is left with a healthy treasury balance, adequte to carry on the yearly activities.

Our Bourse Committee is headed by Bud Tobin, ably assisted by Bill Shepard and Roger Bryan. This group will direct their energies to giving the Bourse Dealers all the assistance they can to make their stay both comfortable and profitable. Being dealers themselves, they can appreciate this extra care.

The Registration again this year will be handled by Col. A. J. Vinci and the many wonderful people from the Orlando Coin Club, who see to it that the general public is efficiently and promptly registered as they arrive and directed to the proper area.

Secretary, Ms. Mary Leeuw, will have the pre-registration kits available, and members may also check with her on the current status of their membership as dues will be taken during the show. Anyone considering Life Membership is reminded that after January 15 it will increase to $200.

Publicity Chairman, Roger Bryan, is an expert in his field and continually provides the best coverage per dollar spent in various media.

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Along with his job as Life Membership Chairman, Doug Brown, one of our most dedicated members, will be handling the keys and cases. Doug repairs and maintains over 900 cases throughout the year.

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Many other good members, such as George Decker on Licenses, Al Price on Security, Tom Palmer on Ribbons and Badges, all contribute by working harmoniously to continue to keep F.U.N. the finest educational Numismatic association in the nation.

A final Thank You to all the many people I may have missed mentioning, and a special Thanks to our new legal representative, Bill Rowland, who has helped immensely in straightening out our affairs and, along with Bill Shepard and Bob Hendershott, was able to per-

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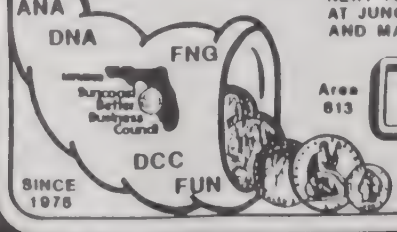

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West Palm Beach Coin Club Contact: Randy Campbell (305) 968-4781	Sept. 11-12	St. Mary's Church 1713 Florida Mango Rd. West Palm Beach, FL
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

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STAN PETERSON
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We want to get our dates published early for our show so they do not conflict with any other shows in this area. I want to congratulate you on putting out an excellent and informative magazine. Thank you for your courtesy.

Sincerely,
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suade the City of Orlando to change the precious metals law to coincide with the State law in order for us to be able to hold the show in this area of Florida.

I thank you one and all and look forward to better communication and understanding in the coming year.

Sincerely,
GENE HYNDS, President

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DOLLARS AND CENTS

By Roger Bryan

Florida United Numismatists (FUN), one of the nation's oldest and largest Numismatic organizations, has scheduled their 21st annual convention January 15-18, 1976, at the Hilton Hotel, downtown St. Petersburg, Fla.

What has proven to be one of our nation's most successful coin shows should again be a top attraction this year. FUN has awarded some of the finest exhibit prizes ever given to exhibitors. The Louis A. Montesi Memorial Award will be given to the Best of Show. Every exhihitor will receive a U.S. Commemorative half dollar in a customized holder. Anyone who wishes to exhibit their "Prize" for the FUN show should contact John Means, 4110 Coachman Dr., Tampa, Fla. 33611.

Bourse Chairman Jeff Shaara has announced ALL 121 Bourse spaces sold. Many of the nation's largest and most respected coin dealers will be on hand to help FUN celebrate their 21st birthday. A Counterfeit Detection Seminar will hold classes for enrolled members. Instructors Virgil Hancock, Ed Fleishman, John Hunter, and Bob Kriz will furnish the pupil with many years of Numismatic experience in counterfeit detection. Hancock is the newly elected President of American Numismatic Association (ANA).

Collectors of "Love Tokens" are in for a special treat. Helen Moore, of the "Love Token Society," will present a slide show Saturday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to view the show.

There will be a Jess Peters, Inc. Auction, Friday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. and again Saturday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. Many RARE and hard-to-find coins will be auctioned. Be sure and pick up a catalog.

The traditional FUN Banquet is scheduled for Thursday evening, Jan. 15. This has always been a highlight of FUN. Last year's Hawaiian-style Luau was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Charter members of FUN will hold a special Breakfast, Saturday, Jan. 17 at 8:30 a.m. at the Hilton. FUN was founded in 1955 and the first 110 members are being honored.

Exhibit winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet, Jan. 18. Also scheduled on the program are: The Montesi Award for the Best of Show, the winner of the FUN Emblem Design Contest, and newly-elected officials will be installed.

The General Show Chairman, Bill Calderazzo has a knack for performing his job well, and this year's convention is assured success with Jeff Shaara, Frank Calhoun, John Means, and Doug Brown, all working together to make this year's convention a memorable and exciting one for our Bicentennial year.

Any additional information about the convention will be furnished by writing Bill Calderazzo, P.O. Box 16999, Temple Terrace, Fla. 33687.

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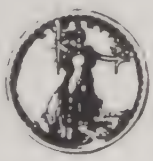

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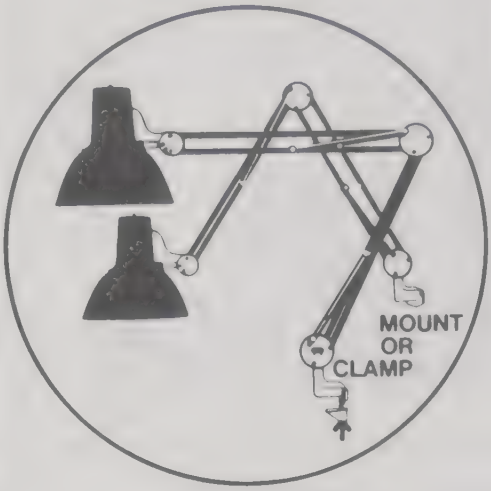

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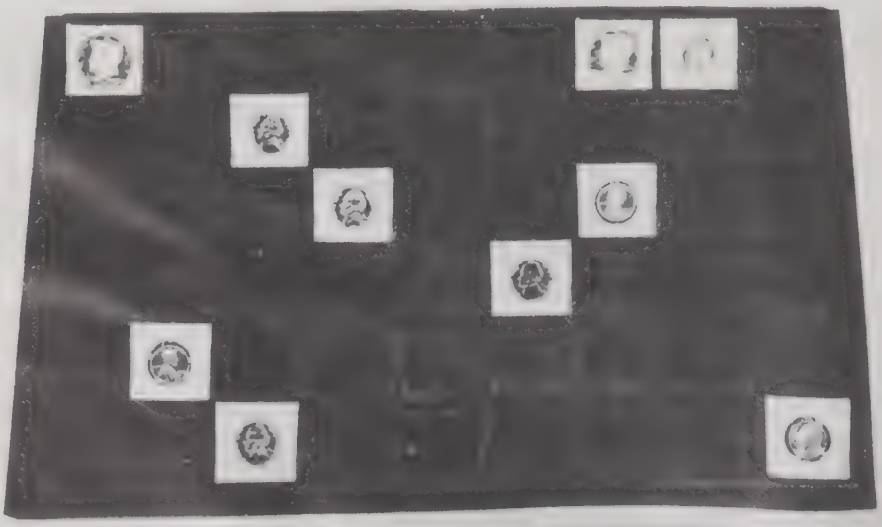

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FUN TREASURER'S REPORT — OCTOBER 27, 1981

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance on hand as of July 1, 1981		$ 972.72
DEPOSITS:		
7/2/81	$13.00 ads, $42.00 dues	$ 55.00
7/11/81	$359.00 dues, $70.00 ads	429.00
7/11/81	Dues	106.00
7/17/81	Ads	685.00
7/17/81	$125.00 dues, $110.00 ads	235.00
7/20/81	$160.00 dues, $612.60 ads	772.60
7/23/81	Transfer from convention account	5,000.00
7/23/81	$95.00 dues, $370.00 ads	465.00
7/24/81	$77.00 dues, $285.00 ads	362.00
8/5/81	Clearwater Coin Club case rental	100.00
8/10/81	$135.00 ads, $87.00 dues	222.00
8/10/81	$70.00 dues, $75.00 ads	145.00
8/13/81	$35.00 dues, $170.00 ads	205.00
8/19/81	Dues	7.00
8/24/81	$40.00 dues, $160.00 ads	200.00
8/26/81	Redeposit bad check	15.00
8/26/81	$50.00 dues, $190.00 ads	240.00
9/11/81	$41.50 dues, $100.00 ads	141.50
9/25/81	$35.00 dues, $20.00 ads	55.00
10/13/81	$10.00 dues, $33.00 ads	43.00
10/26/81	Dues	25.00
	TOTAL DEPOSITS	$ 9,508.10

DISBURSEMENTS:

7/2/81	Check No. 109	Mary Leeuw	Topics, reimb. pst. etc.	$ 758.73
7/23/81	Check No. 110	Gresh Graphics	Topics	3,360.00
7/23/81	Check No. 111	Shafer Brown	Insurance	176.00
7/24/81	Check No. 112	Mary Leeuw	Reimb., post., etc.	265.59
8/4/81	Check No. 113	Doug Brown	2 hand trucks	124.25
8/4/81	Check No. 114	Doug Brown	even up life membership	10.00
8/10/81	Check No. 115	Mary Leeuw	Reimb. post., etc.	49.84
8/26/81	Check No. 116	Shafer Brown	Bond insurance	124.00
9/3/81	Check No. 117	Mary Leeuw	Reimb., post., etc.	145.16
9/3/81	Bad checks			27.00
9/15/81	Check No. 118	Brown Bos.	Office rent	124.80
9/25/81	Canadian discount bank charge			1.24
9/25/81	Check No. 119	Shafer Brown	Balance of bond ins.	48.00
9/28/81	Check No. 120	Postmaster	1500 ret. env. and 1500 lg. env. ballots	578.10
10/6/81	Check No. 121	Mary Leeuw	Reimb., post., Topics, etc.	597.72
	Check No. 122	VOID		
10/22/81	Check No. 123	Grt. Outdoors Prtg.	Topics	3,678.59
			TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$10,069.02

Balance, July 1, 1981	972.72
Total Deposits	9508.10
Total Disbursements	10,069.02
Balance on hand at October 27, 1981	$ 411.80

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CONVENTION ACCOUNT

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7/6/81	Bourse	$ 4,550.00
7/23/81	Bourse	9,425.00
8/14/81	Bourse	8,775.00
9/8/81	Bourse	7,800.00
9/15/81	Interest from CD's	4,771.40
9/25/81	Bourse	5,200.00
10/16/81	Bourse	5,925.00
	TOTAL DEPOSITS	$46,446.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

	Check No. 103	VOID		
7/5/81	Check No. 104	Bud Tobin	Bourse chrmn expens.	$ 127.57
7/5/81	Check No. 105	Ctrl Fla. Coin	Projector, etc.	452.95
7/5/81	Check No. 106	Sheraton	Brkfst, rm for atty.	182.21
7/8/81	Check No. 107	Wm. Rowland	Attorney fees	410.00
7/23/81	Check No. 108	FUN Gen. Acct.	Transfer	5,000.00
7/23/81	Check No. 109	Pollard Coin	Cases & Freight	3,874.43
8/5/81	Check No. 110	Bank of Clwtr.	CD's	50,000.00
8/19/81	Check No. 111	Bank of Belleview	CD's	10,000.00
9/8/81	Check No. 112	Greyhound Exp.	Set up '81 Conv.tables	10,265.15
9/11/81	Check No. 113	Franklin Mint	Delivery medals '81	76.45
9/11/81	Check No. 114	City of Orlando	Occup. License	450.00
9/25/81	Check No. 115	Green Duck Corp.	Die for 81 Convention medals	234.00
10/5/81	Check No. 116	Green Duck Corp.	Conv. medals	865.73
10/16/81	Check No. 117	Midwest Money	Bourse refund	325.00
10/16/81	Check No. 118	Hub Stamp	Bourse	325.00
10/16/81	Check No. 119	T. B. Hamilton	Bourse	325.00
10/16/81	Check No. 120	K. M. Frosett	Bourse	325.00
10/16/81	Check No. 121	Interco Coins	Bourse overpayment	75.00
10/16/81	Check No. 122	Fidelity Rare Coin	Bourse	325.00
10/16/81	Check No. 123	Galaher Letter Shp.	Exhibit applications	51.22
			TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$83,689.71

Total on hand at 7/1/81	$53,321.47
Deposits	46,446.40
Disbursements	83,869.71
Total cash on hand at 10/27/81	$16,078.16
Total cash on hand at 10/27/81	$16,078.16
Total in CD's	130,000.00
Total in Atlantic Bank, Palatka Savings Acct. 60007708	4,757.55
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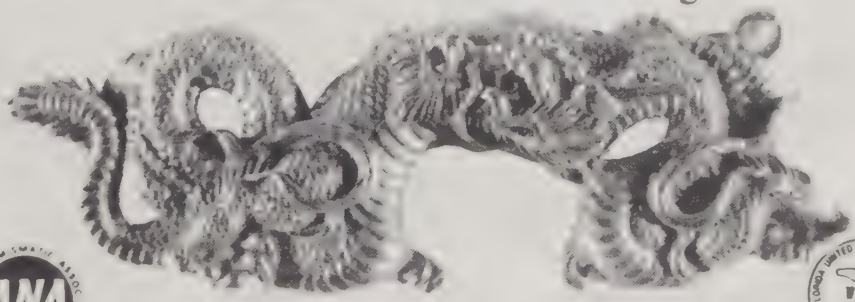

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The breakfast will be at Robinson's Garden Room Restaurant Fashion Square Mall in Orlando. Breakfast and fashion show will be $5.00 per ticket.

Table favors and door prizes!!!!!! Chairpersons for the event will be Dolly Criswell and Jane Finnell.

You will be able to pick up your ticket at the show on Wednesday or, if you are a late arrival, you can pick it up at the bus on Thursday morning.

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I look forward to meeting you. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

SUZANNE DAVIS,
Robinson's Special Events Coordinator, Central Florida

Bus will leave the front door of the Sheraton Hotel at 8:30 A.M.
Bus will return at 11:30 A.M.
Breakfast will start at 9:00 A.M. and be over by 10:15 A.M., which will give the ladies about 45 minutes to browse about.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

By Mary Leeuw – St. Petersburg

Once the glow of satisfaction over receiving the honor subsides, you should know two things about being a *director* of a corporation. (Even FUN is considered a business.)

Under the model code drafted and regularly revised by the American Bar Association (ABA), the responsibilities you assume are serious. You might even find yourself involved in internal squabbles over the corporation's publicity operations or just plain – you name it!

Overall, it's a tough job that in our case carries no compensation to justify the work involved. And if you try to use the association to generate some business for your own company, you meet conflict-of-interest charges . . . head on.

If you serve as a director in a small, closely-held corporation – one in which no outsider (or member) might be hurt by corporate decisions – your job would be basically risk-free. However, such is not the case for those who seek office in our organization. Each and every one pays the same dues, unless one is a Life Member, and we all have only one big vote on the important issues that come before the general membership.

Be he king or servant – one vote only. It's the decisions that are made in the *boardroom or meetings,* which so few of the regular members seem to attend. Is it because they do not know that they may attend? (Only during executive sessions would they be barred from attending.)

When you're a director of a corporation, you owe it to your primary responsibility. Thus, whenver your own personal company could derive any benefit from your association, as a director you have a potential conflict of interest. In many states you are actually forbidden to vote on a matter that involves a conflict of interest.

When a director, you have a duty to attend meetings of the board and of any committee to which you are assigned and to obtain information you need, so that you can vote intelligently, and to monitor all corporation actions.

The reason for attending meetings is rather obvious: You can't stay home and do your job. As long as you get adequate notice of when board and committee meetings are held, you have few valid excuses for being absent.

The duty to get adequate information is also important. As a director, you have the *right* to demand information about any aspect of the corporation you must know to do your job well.

Officers of the corporation must furnish this information, but that doesn't mean that you can sit back and look no further. Under some conditions, you have the right and duty to seek outside help – from law firms, accounting firms, or even consulting other knowledgeable persons.

You may even want to contact appropriate trade associations for their publications and postures. In essence, you must be informed. Financial statements you receive about the internal situation must be accurate and written in a language you can understand.

One ABA report suggests that if you don't get this information, you should consider resigning, but that skirts the issue. As a director you have the right to get information; if you don't get it, you can demand that the executive responsible gets the axe.

The decision to seek or accept the director's position should not be taken lightly (such as the ability to wear an orange jacket furnished by FUN, free to all – but only one – myself, who paid for it personally). Once taken, the weight and power of the position should be used not for personal gain, but for the betterment of the organization as a whole.

In this regard you should try to monitor what the corporation is doing, internally and externally, as thoroughly as possible. As a director you are charged with representing the members as a group – which means you have to learn and know what each member would want to know about conservation of assets, short and long range plans, fis-

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FLORIDA UNITED NUMISMATISTS BOARD MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1981
Quality Inn — Cocoa Beach, Florida

President Gene Hynds called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. following a bountiful breakfast arranged by member Herbert Hogue, Cocoa Beach, Fla.

A copy of the Agenda had previously been mailed to all Officers and Board Members by the Secretary.

In place of the usual oral Roll Call, FUN has now intiated the system of signing in a Log Book, to avoid any problem of who was present and who wasn't. All Officers were present, except Vice-President Roger Bryan, who was marked as absent. All Directors were present.

Guests at this meeting were Pat Hynds, Pat Peterson, Harry DiFrancesco, Mary Tobin, Douglas Brown, Robt. F. Kriz, A. J. Vinci, Attorney Wm. Rowland, Virginia King, and Andy Jackson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as presented to the Members by mail shortly after the July 5th meeting.

Correspondence received by the Secretary included a request from an out-of-state member to publish a show listing in our free listing of shows, but as they were not taking out a paid ad, nor was it sponsored by a member Coin Club, it would not be done.

Communication from George Trager was read regarding the Lou Montesi Award Fund and the Charles B. Fine Literary Award Fund. It was suggested by the Secretary that Attorney Rowland prepare a written contract that will be binding and perpetual in existence and submit it to George Trager. All agreed. Also, Secretary had forms from the IRS and the State License Dept. for filing forms for tax exemption under the laws of Florida if we can qualify, these also were turned over to Atty. Rowland.

As of this date, there is still no final report on the "81" show.

George Decker made a motion, seconded by Grover Criswell, that the Treasurer's report not be published in the *Topics*. Motion FAILED.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS *from Page 26*

cal projections, and the like, such as where are we going, what is our aim, how far ahead do we plan the shows, auction houses, medals, etc.

In addition, the director should be concerned with the corporation's public image.

Generally, a director acting in good faith — trying to represent the best interest of the corporation in a manner consistent with his education and training — shouldn't get hurt in a lawsuit based on an improper action by the board. In fact, a director who can prove his good will, fairness, and attention to his work, should be indemnified — repaid — by the organization for all legal expenses.

Many states go further and refuse to hold a director liable for damages if he can prove he acted in good faith and what he honestly felt were in the corporation's best interests. The burden is on you to show proof that you made the best investigation possible as to your ability and that you gained nothing from the transaction.

If you do decide someday to run for the board or to fill an unexpired term, make sure the corporation carries and pays for a good liability insurance policy that covers you. If they don't, then reconsider.

FUN needs more regular members serving on its board. I have nothing against the dealers, but the members "out there" should have better representation.

FUN BOARD MEETING

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Treasurer G. Criswell passed out copies of an up-to-date Treasurer's report to each member and stated ledger books were available for inspection. President asked if anyone had questions re Treasurer's report. None at this time.

General Chairman Robt. Hendershott gave a detailed report on the upcoming show and the progress that is being made. He also passed out to all members tentative program schedule. Bourse Chairman "Bud" Tobin gave a report on Dealer table numbers and progress to date. Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart, Jr. of Altamonte Springs, Fla., will take over the YN Program Chairmanship for the "82" show. They were very active in the "81" program. Capt. V. L. Bigsby stated that applications have been mailed to the Exhibitors. Jeff Means will arrange for the Awards for both the Junior and Senior Exhibitors. Junior Exhibitors will be awarded Trophies, rather than Coins. The Judges for the show have been selected by President Hynds. Security will continue with photo ID's for another year, some discussion was held regarding the elimination of the photos.

A letter was received from Roger Bryan, Publicity Chairman, stating everything is on schedule.

Tom Palmer, Jr. and Mary Leeuw both reported that nothing could be stated in their respective committees until later. Col. A. J. Vinci, Chairman of Public Registration, stated all going as planned. Licenses for the show have been obtained, so stated Robt. Hendershott and George Decker.

It was suggested that the Auction House have more catalogs available at the show preceding the Auction.

Randy Campbell, Educational Chairman, passed out copies of the program. He also reported that he had purchased a recorder to record programs on cassettes for use by the members at cost. He hopes to have video recordings in the future. Dolly Criswell stated that she had nothing new to report. Jack Harper, Jr. and Robt. Hendershott informed all that the banquet has been changed to a Barbeque, Western Band with Square Dancers, and they hope to have prizes for the best Western costumes.

FUN now has 950 cases and has purchased two new handcarts as stated by Douglas Brown.

Tom Palmer, Jr. reported that he has purchased, as ordered by the Board at our July 5th meeting, the slide projector and recorder for the Central Florida Coin Club as an appreciation gift from FUN for their assistance at the Convention. Douglas Brown, Life Membership & Building Fund Chairman, reported 3 accounts in the Fortune Federal, Clearwater, Fla., of $25,786.34, $9,818.40, $10,000.00, and a passbook account of $454.83.

The 1982 medals from the Green Duck have already been received as reported by the Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that Mary Leeuw be reimbursed for her ANA expenses, as she manned the FUN booth the entire time at the Convention.

It was suggested by President Hynds that FUN send an adult to the 1982 Educational Forum conducted by the ANA. Motion was made by Jeff Means and seconded. Tom Palmer, Jr. was appointed as Chairman of this committee to establish requirements.

A motion was made and seconded that the addition and correction to the new set of By-Laws be tabled until the next meeting. Motion passed. Those who had not received copies were given them by Attorney Rowland.

Mary Leeuw brought up the question as to how many FUN Jackets we were to furnish to the elected Officials? It was agreed that the first would be furnished and then one would need permission from the President to order another.

The Secretary was authorized to sell the IBM typewriter and purchase a portable electric typewriter. The Secretary also reminded us of the credit due FUN for the loan of cases to the ANA for their use at the ANA Convention at New Orleans. President Hynds stated that he was advised by ANA that credit already had been issued but that he would check further.

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Grover Criswell made a motion, seconded by Mary Leeuw, that FUN donate $5000.00 to the ANA Building Fund. Motion passed. Discussion re presentation of check. No decision. Motion by Randy Campbell to adjourn, seconded and passed.

Adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Leeuw, Secretary

THE ANA SUMMER SEMINARS: LEARNING AND FUN!

By Sutton L. O'Neal

For anyone interested in broadening his or her knowledge of Numismatics, the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Summer Seminars are well worth the time and effort. I attended the Grading Seminar in 1980 and the Counterfeit Detection Seminar in 1981. Both sessions were held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, site of the ANA headquarters. Classes met on the beautiful campus of Colorado College, with Pike's Peak always visible on the western skyline.

The Grading Seminar was taught by ANACS senior authenticator and grader, Tom DeLorey, Red Book editor, Ken Bressett, and noted numismatist, Bill Fivaz. Introductory remarks made by the instructors emphasized that the Grading classes would not be a "cookbook" course on grading, with rules for determining how many nicks 1mm long and ½mm wide make a coin an MS 63 instead of an MS 65. Rather, the seminar was to be a general course on the techniques of grading, teaching students HOW TO LEARN how to grade coins. In addition to the preliminary discussion of grading, insights were given into the proper lighting and magnification techniques for accurate grading. A review of the evolution of numismatic grading systems from past to present provided a valuable perspective on today's grading methods and the problems associated with them. Classwork began in earnest with the showing of slides illustrating the grades of coins. The Official ANA Grading Guide was used as the basis of the course. A broad range of coins was covered as students viewed slides showing the various stages of wear which place a coin in a specific grade. Indian cents, Lincoln cents, Barber coinage, Stand-Liberty quarters, Buffalo nickels, Morgan dollars, Peace dollars,

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CONVENTIONS

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All ANA dealers desiring bourse space at the 91st Anniversary Convention scheduled to be held August 17-21, 1982, at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, should make their requests for bourse application forms to: ANA Bourse Applications, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-2366. Deadline for receipt of completed forms at ANA Headquarters is December 14, 1981.

The convention staff is preparing to assign dates and locations for member clubs desiring to meet during the convention. Clubs and affiliate groups wishing to reserve space at the Boston meeting should contact the ANA Convention Staff, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901 by December 18, 1981.

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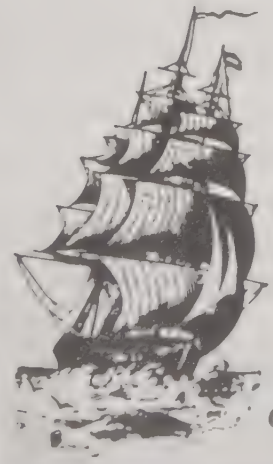

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could match your grading against that of the ANA. Not only was it possible to sharpen your own grading skills, but one also had the opportunity to get an overall view of how the ANA is grading coins and the standards that they use. Needless to say, the week was very important in acquiring skill in the most crucial aspect of numismatics – grading.

The beginning class of Detection of Counterfeit and Altered Coins was taught at Colorado Springs by ANACS' Ed Fleishman. It is impossible to overstate the importance of this class, because we all know the increasing occurrence of counterfeit and altered coins, and we fear the financial consequences of buying them.

Classwork in the Seminar began immediately with slides illustrating counterfeit and altered coins. Diagnostic die marks and other characteristics were shown which help distinguish between a real and a fake coin. Copper and silver coinage (including commemoratives) and many more series of coins were reviewed. Considerable emphasis was placed on demonstrating where the first signs of wear show up on a coin, which was very helpful in learning how to distinguish between a higher grade of XF, AU and BU.

Anyone who wonders what a "slider" is can learn once and for all how to identify one at the Grading Seminar. After a couple of days of slides and a highly interesting trip to the Denver Mint, the class went to the laboratory for the actual "hands on" grading of coins. Here a coin was given to you for your opinion of its grade, and then you was covered extensively, and gold coins were, of course, discussed in depth. Most of the students in the class took lengthy and detailed notes which will serve as an important source of reference for years to come. After viewing many slides of both genuine and counterfeit coins, one began to develop a "sixth sense" for what to look for in spotting fake coins. This intuition was put to the test when students moved into the laboratory with stereo microscopes and began examining actual coins. Without knowing beforehand, one had to decide whether a coin was genuine or counterfeit, using the information gained in the previous day's classwork. Talk about putting knowledge into practice! Some of the counterfeits and alterations were so good it was awe-inspiring; it was these excellent examples of the counterfeiter's art which underscored the importance of the class.

The last day of class was spent reviewing slides, updating and revising notes, and tying together loose ends. The students agreed that the Counterfeit Detection Seminar gave valuable knowledge and experience difficult, if not impossible, to gain anywhere else.

Even though most of the emphasis is on learning, another benefit of the ANA Seminars is getting to spend a week in Colorado Springs. As mentioned previously, Pike's Peak and the Rocky Mountains set the scene. . . . The countryside is beautiful! The weather is delightful! Colorado Springs offers excellent restaurants, shops, and sight-

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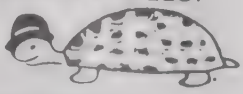

seeing, and Colorado College has tennis courts, swimming pool, jogging paths, and squash and handball courts. Some students even manage to squeeze in 9 holes of golf in the evenings. So, all in all, a week at an ANA Summer Seminar is quite an informative and enjoyable experience.

Demand for all Summer Seminar courses and especially the Grading and Counterfeit Detection classes, is very high, with limited space available. If you are interested in enrolling, it is not too early to do so now. Just a small deposit will hold a space for you. For complete details, contact: Judy Stebenne, Seminar Secretary, ANA, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. See you next summer!

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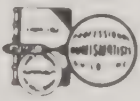

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The 27th Annual Convention of the Florida United Numismatists, Inc., will be held January 6-7-8-9, 1982, at the Sheraton-Twin Towers Hotel, Orlando, Florida. As the first major Numismatic gathering of the New Year, it attracts the interest of collectors, investors, dealers alike, from around the world, and is an important indicator of the trends in the hobby for 1982.

The Officers and Members of F.U.N. have made plans for another outstanding show, even bigger and better than ever. The Bourse was sold out early in October, with many on stand-by for cancellations, should they occur. The list of dealers contains most of the leading firms in the United States and many foreign countries, covering all phases of numismatics. Something for everyone. But the Bourse is only part of the week's activities.

Many will arrive on Monday, the 4th, or before, to visit with old friends or enjoy the many attractions available in Central Florida.

Tuesday, the 5th, is Registration and Set-Up Day. Registration of F.U.N. officers and Convention workers, Dealers and Exhibitors will begin at 10 A.M. and continue through the day. Dealers and Exhibitors will set up in the afternoon, from 2-6 P.M.

Wednesday, January 6th, Dealers and Exhibitors only will be admitted to their areas at 9 A.M. The Official Ribbon-Cutting ceremonies, with both local and national dignitaries present, will take place at 11 A.M., the Show then open to the public. Show hours open to the public each day, Wednesday thru Saturday, will be 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Food and beverage bar in the Convention Lobby, will be available to the public, by the Hotel food department, each day from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. The New England Rare Coin Galleries will conduct a series of quality auctions, beginning Wednesday evening at 7 P.M. Write them for catalog at 89 Devonshire St., Boston, MA 02109.

All will not be Bourse or Exhibit activities. F.U.N.'s entertainment and educational activities have been expanded this year. On Wednesday evening, beginning at 7 P.M., the management of the Sheraton Hotel will give an "Early Bird" Reception for the guests of the hotel who have registered in prior to that time. This is their way of showing their appreciation of your patronage of their facilities.

Thursday morning, the 7th, is the Ladies Special Breakfast, held at the Robinson's Garden Room Restaurant, Fashion Square Mall. Buses will leave from the front door of the Hotel at 8:30 A.M. and return about 11:30 A.M.

The usual comprehensive educational program offered at F.U.N. conventions has been expanded. Beginning at Noon on Thursday, four subjects will be discussed, four more on Friday, and four on Saturday afternoon. These 12 discussions and seminars will be led by some of the leading authorities of the subject matter. Do not miss this opportunity to learn more about our hobby. It's free, but very important.

Friday, the 8th, will be a full day for everyone. The 27th Annual Membership Meeting and Exhibit Awards will take place at 9 A.M. Third Session of the New England Rare Coin Gallery Auction, beginning at noon, and the afternoon offering important guides to the collector.

The highlight of this 1982 Convention will be on Friday evening. Departing from the usual formal banquet and speakers, F.U.N. will have for your enjoyment an "Early Western Hoe-Down" and "Chuck Wagon" cook-out. Plenty of good Western grub. Entertainment by the "49ers" Fiddling Band, F.U.N.'s own famous "Can-Can Dancers" and

"Cloggers." Dancing to good ole "foot-stompin'" fiddle music. Good liquid refreshments at Shepard's rustic bar, and keg beer served by our own F.U.N. barmaids. Special prizes will be given for best Western garb. Leave your formal clothes at home, bring your blue jeans, cowboy shirt and hats, and be prepared to let your hair down and enjoy an evening of fun like the grand folks of yesteryear did!

The Florida Token Society will hold a special all-day meeting on Saturday, the 9th. A very important meeting will be held Saturday when the Young Numismatists meet at 10 A.M. for informal numismatic discussions, a generous lunch, and more discussions and trading in the afternoon. Urge all young people to come out, enjoy the fellowship, and the hobby activities.

The F.U.N. 27th Annual Convention closes at 6 P.M. Saturday, January 9th. Sunday morning – Farewell orange juice and coffee will be served to our departing friends, with best wishes for a good year and a safe return in January 1983.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 4

	Day open for early arrivals, for greeting old friends, visiting Disney World, or any of the many attractions in the Orlando area.
Afternoon –	Tables and booths will be set up for the "F.U.N. Show." New England Rare Coin Gallery Auction lots will be available for viewing in late afternoon.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 A.M.	New England Rare Coin Auction lots available for viewing in the Palm Room.
10 AM - 6 PM	REGISTRATION: Dealers, Exhibitors, and Officials only.
2 PM	Security Room opens. Indian River Room.
2 PM	Bourse and Exhibit areas open for "set-up." NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC.
7 PM	Bourse and Exhibit areas close.
7:30 PM	Sheraton-Twin Towers Hotel "Early Bird" Reception for Hotel guests.
9 PM	F.U.N. Board Meeting. Pinellas Room.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

9 AM - 6:30 PM	REGISTRATION. Convention Center Lobby.
9 AM	Bourse and Exhibit areas open to Dealers and Exhibitors only.
11 AM	OFFICIAL RIBBON-CUTTING. Convention Center Lobby. Convention open to public.
11 AM - 5 PM	Food and Beverage Bar open to public. Also open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – same hours. Convention Center Lobby.
12 Noon	Security Room closes.
6:30 PM	Bourse and Exhibit areas close.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 AM	Ladies Special Breakfast at the Robinson's Garden Room Restaurant, Fashion Square Mall in Orlando. Bus leaves from front door of Hotel at 8:30 AM. Returns about 11:30 AM.
9 AM	Bourse and Exhibit areas open to Dealers and Exhibitors only.
10 AM - 6 PM	REGISTRATION. Convention Center Lobby.
11 AM	Convention open to public.
12 Noon	Educational Program – "The Coins of 1873" by Harry X. Boosel. Sun and Surf Rooms. NOTE: The Sun and Surf Rooms will be the location for all Educational Programs and Seminars.
1:15 PM	"Franklin Half Dollar Analysis," by Reid Spencer and Walton Hood.
2:30 PM	"Investment Concepts for the Sophisticated Investor," by Maurice Rosen.
3:45 PM	"World Market Update," by Elvin Silverman.
6 PM	First Session N.E.R.C. Auction. Gold Coast Rooms.
6:30 PM	Bourse and Exhibit areas close.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

9 AM	27th Anniversary General F.U.N. Membership Meeting and Exhibit Awards.
9 AM	Bourse and Exhibit areas open to Dealers and Exhibitors only.
10 AM	REGISTRATION. Convention Center Lobby.
11 AM	Coin Show opens to public.
12 Noon	"A Consumers Beware, Guide to Numismatics," by Anthony Swiatek.
1:15 PM	"Update on U.S. Commemorative Coins," by James S. Iacovo.
2:45 PM	"Prime Investments for 1982," by Al Tressel.
4 PM	"Reflections on Prooflikes," by Randy Campbell.
6 PM	Bourse and Exhibit areas close.
6 PM	Second Session N.E.R.C. Auction.
7:30 PM	'Early Western "Hoe-Down" and "Chuck Wagon" Cookout. Entertainment by the "49ers" Fiddling Band; F.U.N.'s own famous "Can-Can Dancers" and "Cloggers." Good drinking liquor and keg beer at Shepard's "homemade" bar. Special Prizes for best Western garb. Dancing for all – DON'T MISS IT!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

9 AM	Bourse and Exhibit areas open to Dealers and Exhibitors only.
10 AM	REGISTRATION. Convention Center Lobby.
10 AM - all day	Florida Token Society. Pinellas Room.
10 AM - 3 PM	Young Numismatists meetings and lunch. In the tent.
10 AM	Fourth Session N.E.R.C. Auction.
11 AM	Bourse and Exhibit areas open to public.
11 AM	"Cherry Pickers Top 25" slides by Bill Fivaz. Presentation by Leroy Van Allen.
12:30 PM	"Counterfeit Detection Seminar," by Bill Fivaz and Don Vosburgh.
2 PM	"Amspacher's Analysis of U.S. Peace Dollars," by Bruce Amspacher.
3:30 PM	"Third Annual Silver Dollar Investors' Forum," with Wayne Miller, Dennis Loan, and Randy Campbell.
5 PM	Security Room opens. Indian River Room.
6 PM	Bourse and Exhibit areas close.
6 PM	Third Session N.E.R.C. Auction.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 AM	FAREWELL Coffee and Orange Juice served in Palm Beach Room.
12 Noon	Security Room closes.

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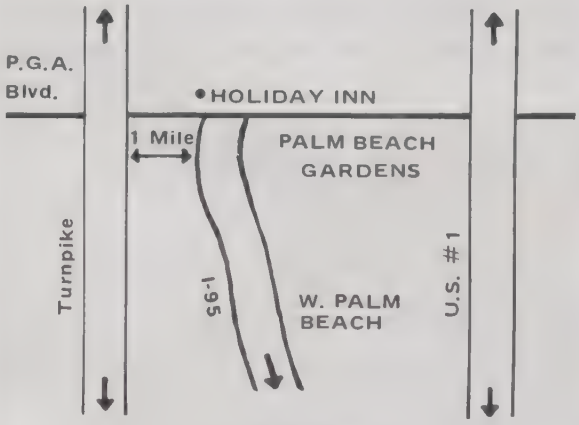

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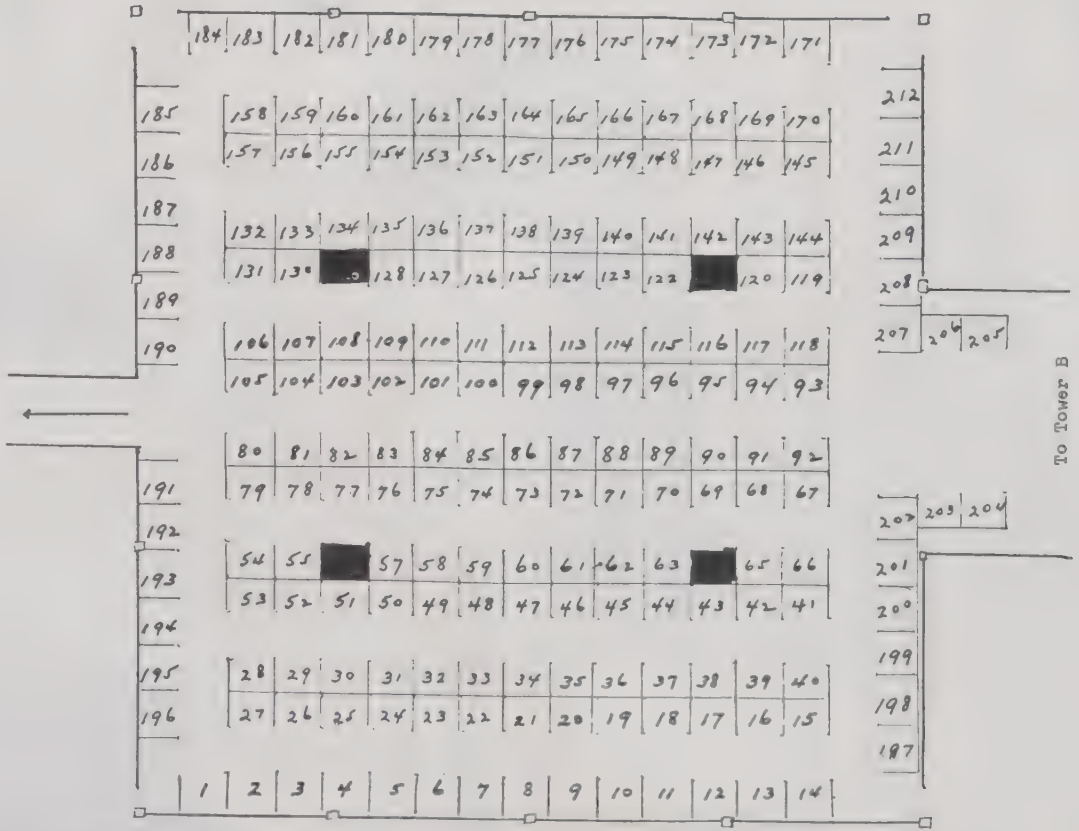

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

12 Noon – "The Coins of 1873," by Harry X. Boosel. Known as "Mr. 1873," Harry Boosel is an internationally renowned author and lecturer on the coinage of this period. A current member of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association, Mr. Boosel's presentation (which was cancelled last year due to illness) promises to be an entertaining curtain-raiser for this year's educational program.

11:15 P.M. – "Franklin Half Dollar Analysis," by Reid Spencer and Walton Hood. Messrs. Spencer and Hood, Fla. dealers specializing in quality U.S. silver coins, have co-authored a chapter of *The Franklin Half*, a book which will be released by Steve Ivy Press late 1981 or early 1982. Topics such as grading, investment strategies, Cameo Proof Franklins and Full Bell Lines Franklins will be covered as the authors present an in-depth look at this affordable and undervalued series – the Franklins!

2:30 P.M. – "Investment Concepts for the Sophisticated Investor," by Maurice Rosen. Mr. Rosen, editor of the authoritative *Rosen Numismatic Advisory*, is widely regarded as one of the America's top experts on the subject of numismatic investments. Sophisticated investors will be particularly interested in Rosen's analysis of high-grade type coins, silver dollars, and U.S. gold coins – areas which he believes are ripe for profitable investment at today's price levels.

3:45 P.M. – "World Coin Market Update," by Elvin Silverman. Mr. Silverman is editor of the frequently quoted *International Green Sheet*, the monthly report on world gold and silver prices. His presentation will center on this increasingly popular area of numismatics, with emphasis on the "hot" areas and undervalued coins of special interest to foreign coin collectors and investors.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

12 Noon – "A 'Consumers Beware' Guide to Numismatics," by Anthony Swiatek. Mr. Swiatek, co-author (along with Walter Breen) of *The Encyclopedia of U.S. Gold and Silver Commemorative Coins, 1892-1954*, has a well-deserved reputation for being a "public speaker extraordinaire." Mr. Swiatek, whose credits include a regular column in *Coin World*, will turn his talents to such subjects as "How to Spot the Overgraders," and "How to Avoid Rip-Offs" in an all-new color slide presentation geared toward consumer protection in this numismatic marketplace.

1:15 P.M. – "Update on U.S. Commemorative Coins," by James S. Iacovo. Mr. Iacovo, author of *A Comprehensive Guide to U.S. Commemorative Coins*, will present a color slide presentation featuring the very latest information on this interesting and, at times, volatile series. Subjects such as "Under-rated and Over-rated Issues," "Counterfeits," and "Teletype Price Manipulations" will be discussed during Iacovo's probing and controversial presentation.

2:45 P.M. – "Prime Investments for 1982," by Al Tressel. Mr. Tressel, an author, lecturer and dealer in U.S. coins, will focus on 19th and 20th century U.S. coins as investments for 1982. Emphasizing lower priced and moderately priced coins, Mr. Tressel will explain that there IS ROOM for both the "high roller" and the budget-minded investor in today's coin market. Come early, as his "Prime Investments for 1981" drew a packed house at last year's convention.

4:00 P.M. – "Reflections on Prooflikes," by Randy Campbell. Mr. Campbell authored the special section on Prooflike Morgans in the 1982 *Fight Inflation with Silver Dollars* (by Les and Sue Fox). Now, for the first time at any major coin convention, he will give an educational presentation on the rarity, availability, and profit potential for

those "Deep Mirror Beauties." Silver Dollar enthusiasts should plan on attending.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

11:00 A.M. – "Cherry Pickers Top 25," slides by Bill Fivaz, presented by Leroy Van Allen, president of the Numismatic Error Collectors of America (NECA). Ever dream of "cherry picking" a rare error, variety or overdate for the bargain price of a common variety? Messrs. Fivaz and Van Allen will show you how to do it in this fascinating slide presentation. Mr. Van Allen, co-author of the classic *Comprehensive Catalog and Encyclopedia of U.S. Morgan and Peace Silver Dollars* (the "VAM" book), will chair a NECA regional meeting prior to the slide show. The latest information on error coins and VAM varieties will be available at this meeting.

12:30 P.M. – "Counterfeit Detection Seminar," by Bill Fivaz and Don Vosburgh. Mr. Fivaz, NLG, one of the most widely respected experts in the field of American numismatics, is a well known author whose articles have appeared in several journals, including the *Coin Dealer Newsletter Monthly Summary* and the 1980 *Guide Book of United States Coins* (the "Red Book"). Mr. Vosburgh is a prominent Florida dealer in U.S. coins, and a contributor to *F.U.N.-Topics.* Everything from 1909-S VDB pennies to 1916-D dimes and 1893-S dollars will be covered. This updated slide presentation is an absolute MUST for serious collectors and investors.

2:00 P.M. – "Amspacher's Analysis of U.S. Peace Dollars," by Bruce Amspacher. Mr. Amspacher's unique style of writing, which combines humor with scholarship, has entertained numismatists for years in both *Coin World* and the *Coin Dealer Newsletter Monthly Summary.* Now he turns his expertise to the highly popular (but frequently misunderstood) Peace Dollar. It promises to be one of the most informative presentations ever given on this subject.

3:30 P.M. – "3rd Annual Silver Dollar Investors' Forum," with Wayne Miller, Dennis Loan, and Randy Campbell. Mr. Miller is the author of the landmark *An Analysis of Morgan and Peace Dollars.* Mr. Loan is a prominent mid-Western dealer specializing in gem quality silver dollars. Since 1977, Mr. Campbell has written a regular column on silver dollar investments for Florida's *F.U.N.-Topics.* This year, most of the program will be devoted to a question-and-answer session wherein the audience will get a chance to "ask the experts." The forum will center on timely, controversial subjects such as the ANACS Grading Service, under-rated dates, over-rated dates, and the outlook for dollar investors in 1982.

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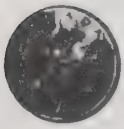

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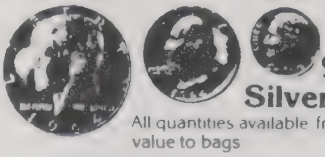

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WEST PALM SETS 1982 SHOW DATES

At the October 21 meeting of the West Palm Coin Club, President Randy Campbell announced that the club would be sponsoring four coin shows in 1982. The first show will be held Saturday, January 30, from 10 AM to 5 PM in the meeting hall of St. Mary's Orthodox Church, 1317 Florida Mango Road, West Palm Beach, just west of Interstate 95. The second show will be the club's 6th Annual Greater Palm Beaches Coin Show, to be held at the Holiday Inn of Palm Beach Gardens, March 20 and 21. A rare coin auction by North American Rare Coins will be held March 20. The third show will be another one-day affair, Saturday, April 24, at St. Mary's Orthodox Church meeting hall. The fourth show, also in the church meeting hall, will be a two-day show, set for September 11 and 12.

Tony Swicer will be bourse chairman for the three shows at St. Mary's Church. Those interested in bourse applications should write him at P.O. Box 5823, Lake Worth, Fla. 33461. Please specify which one of the shows you need an application for.

Randy Campbell is bourse chairman for the March show at the Holiday Inn. For bourse applications, he can be rreached at 2775 Floweva St., West Palm Beach, Fla. 33406.

Also, at the club's October 21 meeting, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Mason announced that plans for the club's annual Christmas Party, December 16, were virtually complete. Vice President Julie Mason announced that the club's special "Bowling Night" at Greenacres Lanes, was set for November 7.

Upcoming educational programs include a November 4 presentation on Franklin Halves by Reid Spencer and Walt Hood, plus a November 18 panel discussion "1981 — The Numismatic Year in Review."

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Plans are now underway for the Christmas Party to be held on the first meeting in December. If you can contribute a cake, cookies, or any other type of refreshment, please contact Edna

Gulfport Coin Club Banquet.

CLUB NEWS continued

Walker or Donna Nelson. This year's party will feature a special gift for all club members in attendance.

SPACE COAST COIN CLUB

The Space Coast Coin Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Merritt Island Public Library. The club was organized in 1973, growing out of the Platinum Coast Coin Club, which was formed in 1960. Our main purpose is to promote and encourage interest in Numismatics. We have two major coin shows every year to provide the public with the opportunity to view rare and valuable numismatic items that they otherwise would not get a chance to see.

We are a State-chartered, non-profit organization and any money realized from shows is used to support the hobby and to stock the Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach libraries with numismatic reference material.

Club dues are $3.00 a year per adult or $4.00 per family. Dues for Junior members are $1.00. Membership entitles you to purchase the 1982 Redbook at a greatly reduced price when it is available.

All interested persons are invited. For more information, call 783-2352 after 5 P.M. and ask for Club President Herbert Hogue. Or write to:

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SOUTH BREVARD COIN CLUB ORGANIZING!

At last South Brevardians have a chance at a Club after many years. A new general interest coin club is being formed in South Brevard. At the core of the club will be several local dealers who also travel to many shows around the nation. The organizers are also conducting the monthly shows at the Palm Bay Ramada Inn, which is also a likely spot for the meetings. For more information, see Doug Sharpe or Bob Johnson at the Shows or call Bob c/o Coins and Creations at 773-5110 or Doug c/o The Rural Mint Corp. at 724-5151.

TAMPA COIN CLUB

The ladies are planning great things for our Christmas Party. Contact Rose Bokar and Lennia Novak if you would like to help.

Our meetings are held in the Lower Concourse, Tampa Bay Center in the community room. Doors open 6:30 P.M. and meetings start at 7:45 P.M. Come, bring a friend.

GULFPORT COIN CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG

Election for Officers for 1982: President, Jim Marino; Vice President, Leon Simons; Secretary, Bess Fiklik; Treasurer, Emily Klomfar.

Board of Directors: Jeff Means, Bill Baker, Bill Pysnack, Jim Brewer, Cappy Feiler, Stanley Fogle. Mary Leeuw, as Past President, will be Chairman of the Board.

Gulfport Coin Club of St. Petersburg had an outstanding banquet on Saturday, August 29, at the Morrison Cafeteria. Life Memberships were given out to Capt. V. L. Bigsby, Max Rogers, Don Vosburgh and Jim Pennington. Herb Carmichael was given his earlier.

All show workers were awarded 1982 Red Books for their efforts in putting over our excellent show year after year.

Auctioneer Jeff Means brought the gavel down on over $11,000-worth of material sold in one hour's time! An outstanding record.

Plans are underway for another excellent show, to be held at the Florida National Guard Armory, January 29 thru 31, 1982.

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Our annual Christmas Party will be held the first Monday of December at the Woodlake Country Club on New Jersey Road. Proceeds from our Coin Show will help to defray expenses, so be sure to attend this annual event – you can afford it! A quarter Kruger Rand will again be available. See you at the meeting! TRUDY BURK

CLEARWATER COIN CLUB

New Show Committee appointed at the Clearwater Club meeting for 1982.

Carl Kish, Sr. is the Chairman, with Florence Vogelsang, Assistant. Robert Hendershott, Show Treasurer, and Mary Leeuw, Bourse Chairman. Information can be obtained by contacting Mary at (813) 527-5077 or P.O. Box 7934, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33734.

Clearwater President Carl Kish, Sr. composed this poem and read it to the members recently:

Our Club has a good Auctioneer
Only the high bids will hear,
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Who lends his expertise.
The two Franks, make it a habit
To aid and assist Polly Abbott
Florence Vogelsang
Is one of the gang,
Along with Ann Sims & Carl Kish.
What else can an Auctioneer wish?

FT. LAUDERDALE SHOW IS A SELL-OUT

All is set for the Ft. Lauderdale Coin Club's Silver Anniversary Coin Show and Auction, to be held November 28-29 at the Convention Center of the fabulous Pier 66 Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale. Bourse Chairman Jim Endicott reported at the club's October 22 meeting that "all tables are sold and all preparations are completed."

The auction, by Lighthouse Rare Coin Galleries, is set for Saturday evening, November 29. An estimated $50,000-$100,000 worth of numismatic items will be up for bids.

Also, at the club's October 22 meeting, the Nominating Committee reported that a full slate of candidates has been nominated for 1982. Heading the slate is Lyman Allen, nominee for President, while outgoing President Ken Asmus was nominated for Vice President. Roxanne Kearns and Adele Mayberry were nominated for Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

There will be no second meeting in December because of Christmas Eve. Put January 14, 1982 down in your appointment book. It is the night of our Installation Dinner.

DUES ARE NOW DUE. See Dorothy Kociaba, Membership Chairman.

Happy Thanksgiving.

President KEN ASMUS

President Mary Leeuw presents 1982 Red Book to Bourse Assistant Leon Simons, Gulfport Coin Club Banquet.

PALM BEACH SHOW "BETTER THAN EXPECTED"

At the October 13 meeting of the Palm Beach Coin Club, Al Tressel, who was Bourse Chairman for the club's recent three-day Coin Show at the West Palm Beach Sheraton Inn, reported that the show was "better than expected, in terms of attendance and finances." About 700 persons attended the show and, according to Tressel, "most of the 30 dealers who had tables had a successful show – not bad in today's depressed coin market."

President Glen Miller thanked all those who donated their time and efforts, saying "We're looking forward to an even better show next year."

The Club's next meeting, set for November 10, will feature a program on "Philippine Coins Struck Under U.S. Sovereignty," by club Board Member Tony Swicer.

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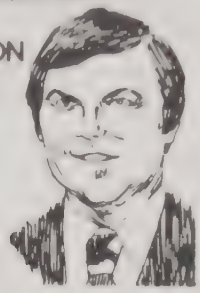

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MYSTIC COIN POWER

By R. Winston Harris

Afraid of witches and werewolves? Take your most prized silver coin and bend it. Then drill a hole through it and wear it on a chain around your neck or ankle. There, you can relax, knowing you are perfectly safe . . . protected from witches, vampires and werewolves.

So goes just one myth about talisman coins and their power to repel evil. The bend in the coin will reject witch spells. Its silver content will ward off werewolves and vampires.

Belief in the mystic powers of coins is widespread. Some superstititions have been spawned from the ordinary practices of popular religions. Others are rooted in the black arts or occult religion, witchcraft. Still more can be traced to the superstititions of 14th century European gypsies.

One of the most common beliefs about coins concerns their "wishing power." Many people toss coins into wishing wells or public fountains in the hope that the act will bring them health or wealth. This custom probably started at healing wells, shrines or springs, where the desire for good health was the preoccupation of the "well-wisher." The donation of one's coins was an easy way to leave a memento of oneself at the healing site.

Variations of this custom include dropping a coin in a well in the hope that the coin will guarantee one's return to that spot at a future time. But, regardless of the precise origin of this custom, we all know wishing wells do bring money to their owners.

Numbers on coins sometimes are thought to have special powers, too. The number "3" is believed to be particularly potent. Christians generally recognize "3" as representing the Holy Trinity, Three Persons in One God. Witches and sorcerers have attached similar significance to this number. In the 19th century they often used silver British 3-pence coins and U.S. 3-cent silver coins in their rituals. That's one reason why so many of these coins are found in bent condition today. Some collectors even refer to bent coins as "witch pieces."

One witch ritual supposed to bring you money is: "Take five pennies (four old, one new) into the woods at night and bury them beneath an evergreen tree."

Got a few tired, old 19th century cents and a 20th century penny you no longer need? Perhaps it's time to give them a wooded resting place. Just be sure you pick a spot today's treasure hunters are not likely to check out with their metal detectors.

Coins also are placed in wedding and birthday cakes in the superstition that the person getting a slice with a coin in it will gain wealth. (A broken tooth may be more likely, though!)

Finding coins is assumed to bring good luck. And, in furtherance of that belief, putting the found coin in your shoe is assumed to multiply your future good fortune, too.

I've also heard that finding pennies can bring "bad luck." I suppose that depends on the dates and mints on the coins. Finding a 1914-D Lincoln cent or 1925 Canadian small cent cannot be called "bad luck" in my view.

Want to contact George Washington or King George V for a historical review? Place coins with their images in the center of your dining room seance table. One myth promises that one of the Georges will join your gathering.

Dairy farmers can speed their butter-making processes, too. If you've some milk that is difficult to churn, just toss a silver coin into it and the problem is solved. (No guarantee about the purity of the churned butter, of course!)

To learn more about coin usage for the occult, I asked the only avowed witch I've met about these practices. She's a young, attractive lady who always wears black, and her office is filled with wax dolls and unusual herbs. My witch friend told me of a ritual for unfaithful persons who want to hide their improper activities from their spouses. The unfaithful person should place in wine two coins used to close a dead person's eyes. Supposedly, when the wronged spouse drinks it, he or she will be unable to observe their mate's improper conduct. If that doesn't work, watch out! The adulterer may wish he/she had a battle with a mere vampire rather than the enlightened spouse!

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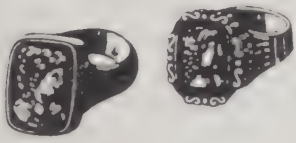

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EVERYTHING I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT BUYING COINS

By Walter G. Mullins

Looking back, I think I've had a love affair with coins – specifically, silver dollars – since childhood. Yet it was almost 30 years from the time I received my first until I acquired a single additional specimen.

My first dollars – about 20 of them – were given to me by my grandfather. He got them from the cashier at the local bank, and while all were well worn they were still impressive to a 10-year-old. I have sometimes wondered why I did not become a collector at that time. Imagine what an accumulation of superb dollars could have been put together in 1950. At face value!

Needless to say, I didn't do it. In fact, for the next 28 years, I seldom gave silver dollars a second thought.

That's not to say I had no interest in coins. I did. I frequently saved my pocket change for months at a time, and then spent it as soon as I had enough to buy something I wanted. I never realized it was the coins themselves which interested me and, thus, I never made the transition from saving to collecting.

That is, not until about three years ago, in January 1978. It was then that two events occurred which resulted in my becoming an avid collector, a status which would bring me some pleasure the next two years and, as we shall see, considerable frustration and disappointment.

To begin with, I had been tossing my change into a plastic bucket for well over a year. About the time I hit the $400 mark, I wandered into a newsstand at lunchtime and purchased a coin magazine. I'm not sure why; it just looked interesting. I guess it was, because a few days later, I visited a coin shop near where I work. As I looked at the displays of those 100-year-old coins in "new" condition, I began to marvel at the sense of history they represented. I was awed by the very fact they still existed. How had they survived? Who had owned them? And not just that, they were exquisitely beautiful. I began to feel an overwhelming urge to own these fragile creations. It was as if I had discovered something I had wanted to do for many years, but had never been able to identify it. Then I saw the silver dollars, and I remembered the ones my grandfather had given me. I knew at once that was the coin that meant the most to me, and that would be the coin I would collect. And I would do it now!

Thus did I enter the world of Numismatics. A novice in the strictest sense of the word, and soon parted from my money. From that point in 1978 and continuing for the better part of two years, I spent my $400 (and considerably more) and, while so doing, made every collector mistake in the book.

Of the fifty or so dollars I bought in 1978, I have perhaps fifteen remaining in my collection. Considering my naivete, I'm surprised I did so well.

Gradually, very gradually, I calmed down, became more selective, and began to avoid those "great buys" my developing knowledge warned me against. And I was acquiring a knowledge of coin dealers. By late 1979, I had a short list of those I believed I could trust, and a long list of those I knew I couldn't.

As the new decade began, I realized that I was becoming more adept. I had a sense that I knew what I was looking for and I was willing to take my time and search out just the right coins. I made fewer and fewer purchases that I subsequently regretted. In short, I was at last learning how to buy coins.

Today, three long, expensive years later, I am proud of my dollar collection. I believe each coin will make money for me, if I ever choose to sell.

But getting there! Getting there was tough. If, as they say, I could only start over. Well, I can't, and I think that's why I decided to write this article. I believe I can help you and other collectors avoid the mistakes I made, and that in itself will give me a great deal of satis-

faction.

The key to success is to make every purchase a wise one. That's obvious, but it's not nearly as simple as it sounds. The purpose of this writing is to teach you how to do it. Let me begin with an example of just how important that really is.

In February 1978, I ordered an 1881 Morgan for $15. It was advertised as a gem coin. The price seemed right, and when I received it, I thought it was a beautiful coin. At the time I ordered that dollar, another dealer (from whom I subsequently made regular purchases) had the same coin advertised for $22. Why, I reasoned, should I pay such a premium for the second coin? Both were said to have full mint luster, great strike, and minimum bagmarks. Why spend the extra money?

I thought I was being a shrewd buyer, but for a number of reasons I wasn't. For one thing, I made the mistake of assuming that a coin advertised as a gem is going to be a gem, regardless of the dealer and, based on that assumption, I thought I could safely shop prices. Then, when I received the coin, I didn't know enough to tell whether or not it was what I had ordered. And not only that, I didn't have the good sense to try to verify the condition of the coin.

You can guess the rest of the story. I eventually learned that 1881 was slightly circulated, and I sold it for $10. Of course, I lost far more than $5. Today, an 1881 Morgan in gem condition costs about $250. Had I made a wise purchase to begin with, I would still have that coin, and it would already be of great value.

As it happened, I later purchased an 1881 in the condition I wanted, but for far more than $15, or even $22, and it is a beauty – really. But I never look at it, or many of my other coins, without thinking about what could have been.

I hope you'll take that example to heart. It happened to me, many times. And if you are not very careful, it will happen to you.

Now, let's get to the task at hand.

I am going to assume you are in somewhat the same situation I was. You have a little money put back and you've become interested in collecting coins for their beauty and as an investment. You have no truly knowledgeable coin collectors among your friends. You may have gone so far as to visit a coin shop and read some numismatic publications. You're eager to buy some coins, right? Well, don't!

RULE NO. 1:
Don't Buy Any Coins For 60 Days

Not waiting until I had some notion of what I was doing was, no doubt, the most expensive mistake I made. Even though I knew I wanted to collect uncirculated silver dollars in the finest condition, I knew nothing about how to do it correctly. I did it anyway, of course, and you know the result.

So, please control your urge to spend your money. Don't begin buying until you have a feel for what it's all about. If you wait sixty days before you make your first purchase and in the meantime do what I suggest, you'll be very glad you did.

RULE NO. 2:
Subscribe to Coin World and/or Numismatic News

These are both excellent publications from the standpoint of providing numismatic information to their readers. But that's only part of the reason for reading them at this time. I want you also to make a study of the ads that appear in them. I want you to become familiar with the firms that advertise, how they describe their coins, their guarantees, their auction activity, how long they've been in business, the shows they attend, and whatever else they choose to tell you about themselves.

There are a couple of good reasons for this. First, I want you to become aware of the firms offering the most services to collectors (such as free layaway, monthly catalogs, want-list service, buy-back guarantees, return privileges, individual counseling, toll-free numbers, postpaid orders, etc.). Second, I want you to notice that every coin dealer offers the finest material, at the

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The first step for you to take is to buy the Red Book, properly known as *A Guide Book of United States Coins,* by R. S. Yeoman. A current edition (it is updated annually) will cost no more than $5, and it is readily available at coin shops and through the mail.

The Red Book contains a storehouse of interesting historical information about all U.S. coins. And not just the "history" history, but currently useful facts, such as mintage figures (how many were produced), the approximate value of each coin in various grades, and coin grading terminology.

Spend a few serious evenings with this book and see if a coin or two doesn't begin to catch your fancy.

Then go back to one of those coin shops you visited (without your money) and look at those and other coins in different grades and price ranges. And go to a coin show – just to browse and meet the dealers. Take your time. Ask questions. Then read some more. Before long, you'll know which coins are for you. When that happens, you are ready to move ahead another step.

RULE NO. 4:
Buy Your Second Book

You know the coin you want to collect. Now it's time to learn all you can about it.

One or more excellent books have been written about a number of U.S. coin types. I suggest you ask a dealer for his recommendation. (For reasons to be discussed later, this is the only time I'll suggest that you rely on a single dealer's judgment.) Once you have your book, READ IT VERY CAREFULLY, and then READ IT AGAIN! It contains information essential to your numismatic pursuit, including such items as how to grade the coin (including variations of strike and luster among the different years and mints), availability, and rarity of specific dates and mintmarks in different grades, major varieties, detecting counterfeits, and much more. This will be time well spent, and you will find the book to be very rewarding reading. You'll also find your coin's history is quite interesting. I didn't believe it either when I started collecting, but the story behind the coin is nearly as fascinating as the coin itself.

Now, while I feel you can get by with reading just one specialized book at this point, don't neglect your studies once you start buying. There may be several books dealing with your coin, and you should read them all. For instance, I've read five books about silver dollars and learned from each one. Unfortunately, I didn't read any of them until I had been buying dollars for well over a year. In addition, there is a new book recently available which will provide you a superb general background in Numismatics. It is *The History of United States Coinage as Illustrated by The Garrett Collection,* by Q. David Bowers – and I highly recommend it.

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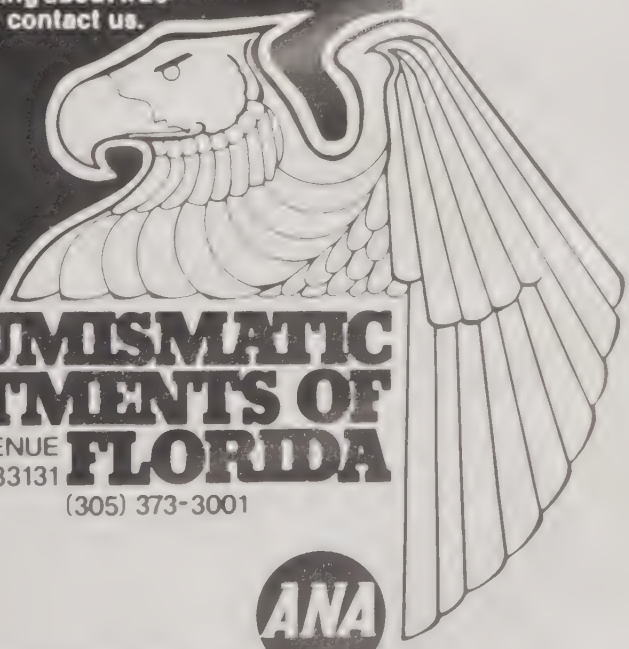

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SECRETARIES NOTE This is a listing of all Florida Coin Clubs that are Members of F.U.N. If your Club is not listed, please send $5.00 for your 1982 Dues. Keep us informed of any changes in your Club's Meeting Dates, Times, etc.

Ancient City Coin Club, C-3893
(No details available)
St. Augustine, FL

Beaches Coin Club
Ramada Inn, 1201 N. 1st St.
Jacksonville Beach, FL
2nd Thursday, 7 PM

Cape Coral Coin Club, C-4090
1st Fed. Svngs & Loan Bldg.
Cape Coral Parkway &
Del Prado Blvd. – 1st Thursday
Sept. thru May

Capital City Coin Club, C-4956
c/o D. H. Earnest
1919 Trimble Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(No information available)

Central Fla. Coin Club, Inc., C-4090
Winter Park Civic Center
2005 Mizell Ave., Winter Park, FL
2nd & 4th Tuesday

Central Florida Coin Club, C-4090
Winter Park Civic Center
2005 Mizell Ave., Winter Park, FL
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Clearwater Coin Club, C-313
Clearwater Garden Center
N. Ft. Harrison & Seminole St.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Florida Token Society, C-4380
(No information available)

Ft. Lauderdale Coin Club, C-2951
P.O. Box 22193
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316
(No information available)

Ft. Myers Coin Club, C-4361
P.O. Box 6121, Ft. Myers, FL
(No information available)

Ft. Pierce Coin Club, C-2896
P.O. Box 3373, Ft. Pierce, FL
(No information available)

Ft. Walton Bch Coin Club, C-5695
Sambo's Rest., Elgin Parkway
2nd Tuesday each month
7:30 P.M. – Visitors Welcome

Gold Coast Coin Club, C-1412
The Rotary Club, 2340 Taylor St.
Hollywood, FL
1st & 3rd Tuesday each month

Greater Daytona Bch Coin Club
C-2850 – c/o C. Henning
320 S. Seneca Blvd.
Daytona Beach, FL 32014
(No information available)

Gulfport Coin Club of
St. Petersburg, Inc., C-2942
American Legion Hall
1520-4th St. No., St. Pete, FL
4th Friday each month

Lake County Coin Club, C-3179
Leesburg, FL 32748
c/o J. E. Jones
(No information available)

Lakeland Coin Club, C-3268
Community Rm., Searstown Sh.Ctr.
Lakeland, FL – 3rd Tuesday

Largo Coin Club, C-2365
Freedom Fed. Svngs. & Loan Bldg.
E. Bay Dr. at Keene Plaza, Largo, FL
3rd Wednesday each month

Ocala Coin Club, C-2948
Ocala Chamber of Commerce
110 S.E. Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, FL – 2nd Tues., 7:30 P.M.

Palm Beach Coin Club, C-6374
Haverhill Town Hall
West Palm Beach, FL
2nd Tuesday, 7 P.M.

Pensacola Numismatic Society
11310 Seaglades Dr.
Pensacola, FL 32507
(No information available)

Ridge Coin Club, C-600
Sebring City Hall
2nd Monday, 7:30 P.M.

Silver Sands Coin Club, C-3829
Panama City, FL meets 3rd Tuesday
at Lynn Haven Branch, 1st Fed.
Svngs. & Loan, Lynn Haven, FL

Space Coast Coin Club, C-3246
Merritt Island Public Library
1195 N. Courtenay Parkway
Merritt Island, FL
1st Tuesday, 7 P.M.

St. Petersburg Coin Club, LM376
1520-4th St. No., St. Pete, FL
American Legion Bldg.
2nd Friday, 7:45 P.M.

Tampa Bay AINA, C-4535
Jewish Community Ctr.
2808 Horatio St., Tampa, FL
3rd Monday each month, 7 P.M.

Tampa Coin Club, C-815
Tampa Bay Shopping Center
Community Room, 2nd Thursday

Titusville Coin Club, C-4306
P.O. Box 441, Titusville, FL 32780
(No information available)

West Palm Beach Coin Club, C-4284
St. Mary's Church
1713 Florida Mango Rd.
West Palm Beach, FL
1st & 3rd Weds., 7:30 P.M.

West Pasco Coin Club, C-3145
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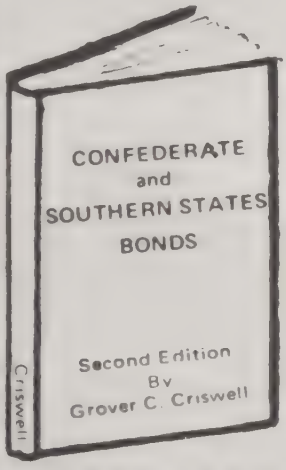

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EDGEWOOD COIN CO.

Outside view of the new, larger Edgewood Coin Co., 936 S. Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville, FL. The former shop, next door at 934 Edgewood Ave., had 800 square feet of floor space, but the new location has nearly 6,000 square feet, and is "modern" in the strict sense of the word.

"The finest coin shop in the South" is the phrase used by many to describe the new facility of the EDGEWOOD COIN CO., Jacksonville, Florida.

For more than 18 years, Emory Robinson, owner, has conducted his coin and fine coin jewelry business from less than a thousand square feet of shop space, waiting (and dreaming) of the day when he could acquire a larger area for his business. That day finally arrived in early 1980 when the building next door to the old, small shop was vacated, giving Robinson the opportunity to move into the nearly 6,000 square-foot building.

After more than six months of negotiations with architects, suppliers and contractors, renovation of the "new" building began. Last November the first

An inside view towards the front entrance of the new store. The receptionist's station is to the left of Paul Weathington (in white shirt) and Carling Gresham, employees of the firm. The entryway is glazed, brown clay tile, and the balance of the customer area is covered with a dark blue carpet.

batch of concrete was poured in the reinforced floor of the vault, the major project within the overall concept of Robinson's plans.

Proper curing of the concrete in the 18-inch thick walls required several weeks, and it was well into December before the basic, unfinished vault was completed and the forms were removed. Installation of the 7,000-lbs., 12-inch thick, stainless steel door required another two days, and then the final finishing work was started on the vault and on the interior of the shop.

Nearly six months later, Robinson and his staff of seven employees moved into the "new" shop. But even then

The receptionist's area, to the right in the photo, behind the silver display case, and 4 private buying stations extending to the left.

Jerry Reitzel is seen in one of the 5 employee work offices specially designed for the Edgewood Coin Co. "Peek-aboo" shelves allow small merchandise to be displayed. Note the "money" wallpaper.

"final touches" were to be applied for two months. The outside of the new and old buildings (Robinson kept the old building for future expansion), has been covered in typical Florida fashion, with coquina (sea)shell embedded in a buff-colored plaster; and new display windows have been installed and a new, modern sign added.

One of the most striking features of the new shop is noticed upon entering: a medium brown-colored glazed tile – ordered especially for this shop – covers the first 150 square feet of the entryway into the customer area. The balance of the customer area is covered with a dark blue carpet. A receptionist's sta-

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Closeup view of the private buying stations. Doors on the booths may be closed for increased privacy of transactions.

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Pat Dean, manager, pauses in front of the more than 200 sq.ft. of walk-in vault located in the new, enlarged Edgewood Coin Co., 936 S. Edgewood Ave., Jacksonville. The stainless steel door of the vault weighs 7000 lbs. and is 18" thick. The face is covered with tan & white Tennessee marble.

Emory Robinson, left, owner, and Pat Dean, manager, discuss business prior to opening to the public, in the new enlarged Edgewood Coin Co.'s quarters in Jacksonville.

tion is about 15 feet inside the entrance, where customers will be directed to the proper clerk or to the proper sales or buying area. The receptionist also acts as a switchboard operator, answering all incoming calls.

Teak paneling covers the front and left side walls and all of the staff offices and the buying stations; the right wall is covered with mahogany "peg-board" to display small hobby items, books, etc. Robinson selected a paper-money motif wallpaper, colored silver, green and black, to accent the top portions of each of the two longest walls.

All display cases, including three low "sit-down" types, are finished in teak, except for the low cases, which feature fluorescent lighting. Plush, modern chairs are available for customers' comfort. The ceiling is acoustical tile, fitted with multiple fluorescent light fixtures and with incandescent "track" lighting that may be adjusted to highlight any particular area. A hidden sound system is within the ceiling, which is also powered by a stereo tuner, record player, and tape deck and amplifier.

The face of the imposing vault is covered with light tan, Tennessee marble quarried and cut especially for this particular job, a 9-foot teak railing fronts the entrance to the vault. Inside the vault is, again, fluorescent lighting, and the floor is covered with linoleum tile. The vault has "survival" features, but they'll not be detailed here.

To the left and rear of the vault are

EDGEWOOD COIN CO. continued

five private staff offices, in addition to the five work offices located behind the customer sales area. Behind the offices, in the rear of the vault, is an employee lounge with complete kitchen facilities and two restrooms. Behind the lounge is a library and large storage area, with ample space for the company's trucks.

Robinson's philosophy was simple to explain but difficult and time-consuming to execute. He believes that customers should be accorded every convenience and comfort reasonably possible, and he also believes that employees will perform efficiently if their work areas are modern, well-lighted, and functional. All indications are that he has achieved his goals in these beliefs.

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By Ray Herz

Fig. 10 – Heraldic Eagle Half Dollar

HERALDIC EAGLE HALF DOLLARS – 1801-1807

Figs. 10 & 11 illustrate this historic, short-lived series. Whatever production faults plagued the later Capped Bust coins, the Heraldic Eagle Halves had more than their share. Chart 3 covers these coins by date only, not variety. To give you an idea of the extent of these varieties, Al C. Overton, in the 1st edition of his monumental work, *Early Half Dollar Die Varieties* (1967), lists 22 varities for the 1807 half dollar, which only had a mintage of 301,000!!

These coins were about 32.5mm in diameter and weighed 13.4g compared to 30.6mm and 12.44g for Seated Liberty Halves after 1853. (The Bust Halves were reduced to 30mm in 1836.)

CHART 3– HERALDIC EAGLE BUST HALVES, 1801-1807

DATE	MINTAGE	VG	F	VF	XF
1801	30,289	$325	$800	$1075	$1500
1802	29,890	300	800	1075	1200
1803	188,234	150	200	425	700
1805	211,722	100	155	400	675
1806	839,576	90	150	400	675
1807	301,076	75	150	400	675

Fig. 11 shows a line drawing of an H.E. Half in Fine condition. Note that the details in the shield are nearly complete and almost half the hair details are visible.

Fig. 11 – Heraldic Eagle Half in Fine condition.

All the letters in *E Pluribus Unum* in the scroll on the reverse should be legible in Fine condition.

Though not mentioned by Al Tressel, we recommend buying a coin of this series in VG if it is not mutilated, cleaned, or heavily scratched, only worn through normal circulation. All dates in this series are recommended. The following shows how much these coins have increased in Bid prices in the last two years:

JAN. 1979 Bid		JAN. 1981 Bid	MAR. 1981 Bid
VG	$47	$57.50	$58
F	75	105	125
VF	150	285	345
XF	325	600	640
MS-60	2100	7500	7500
MS-65	6750	25,000	25,000

These coins are already on the move.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

9/ 1807 Heraldic Eagle Half is recommended at the following levels: F $130; VF $300-350; XF $625-665. Mintage of 301,000 ranks this coin 5th for the series.

10/ 1802 Heraldic Eagle Half. Mintage: 29,000. This coin has the lowest mintage of the series, but is still priced less than the 1801. This coin is highly recommended at the following levels: F $250-300; VF $450-475; XF $750-800. (These recommendations were made in January, 1980, and the value of this coin has exceeded them. Try to buy one if you can afford it!)

The Heraldic Eagle Halves are quickly escalating above the budget of the average collector. We strongly suggest that you purchase them in nice Fine condition or VF if you can afford them.

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04/17/81 – Senate – Extension of time granted Committee Commerce
05/04/81 – Senate – Extension of time granted Committee Commerce
05/14/81 – Senate – On Committee agenda – Commerce 5/16/81, 2 p.m., Rm. A
05/15/81 – Senate – Extension of time granted Committee Commerce
05/18/81 – Senate – C/S Combines this bill and SB 46; Comm. report: C/S placed on calendar by Commerce – SJ 00311
06/04/81 – Senate – Placed on special order calendar
06/05/81 – Senate – Placed on special order calendar; iden./SIM. House Bill substituted – laid on table under rule. Iden./SIM./ compare bill passed, refer to HB 285 (Ch. 81-2821) - SPJ 00640

S 0054 – General Bill /CS by Commerce, Steinberg and others (similar H 0106, H 0207, H 0238, ENG/H 0524, compare H 0949, S 02531). Purchase & sale of metals; defines "metals," "precious metals," & "person dealing in secondhand goods"; requires that records of purchases contain additional information; requires that purchased items containing precious metals be retained in unaltered condition in county, etc. Amends 812.049, .051. Effective date: 10/01/81.
12/03/80 – Senate – prefiled.
01/05/81 – Senate – Referred to Commerce
02/03/81 – Senate – Comm. Report: C/S placed on calendar by Commerce
04/07/81 – Senate – Introduced, referred to Commerce – SJ 00012; Comm. Report: C/S placed on calendar by Commerce – SJ 00046
05/14/81 – Senate – Placed on special order calendar: C/S read first time – SJ 00249; C/S passed as amended; Yeas 34, Nays 0 – SJ 00250; reconsidered; C/S passed as amended; Yeas 36 Nays 0 – SJ 00251; immediately certified – SJ 00252
05/18/81 – House – Received, referred to criminal justice – HJ 00387
05/28/81 – House – Withdrawn from criminal justice – HJ 00541; placed on calendar
05/29/81 – House – Taken up in lieu of HB 524; read second time; amendments adopted; read 3rd time; passed as amended Yeas 95 Nays 8 – HJ 00584
05/29/81 – Senate – In House messages
06/01/81 – Senate – Concurred; C/S passed as further amended; Yeas 37 Nays 0; ordered engrossed, then enrolled – SJ 00404
06/11/81 – Senate – Signed by officers and presented to governor
06/23/81 – Approved by governor. Chapter No. 81-121

S 0055 General Bill by Maxwell
Relief/Calvin C. Sherman; compensates him for negligent deprivation of his employment. Claim with appropriation: $60,000. Effective date: 07/01/81
12/03/80 – Senate – Prefiled.
01/05/81 – Senate – Referred to the Special Master for Claim Bills, Finance, Taxation and Claims
04/07/81 – Senate – Introduced, referred to the Special Master for Claim Bills, Finance, Taxation and Claims – SJ 00012
04/17/81 – Senate –Extension of time granted Committee the Special Master for Claim Bills
04/28/81 – Senate – Comm. Report: unfavorable by the Special Master for Claim Bills; now in Finance, Taxation & Claims – SJ 00185
05/04/81 – Senate – Extension of time granted Committee Finance, Taxation and Claims
05/15/81 – Senate – Extension of time granted Committee Finance, Taxation and Claims
06/03/81 – Senate – Extension of time granted Committee Finance, Taxation and Claims
06/04/81 – Senate – Withdrawn from Finance, Taxation and Claims; indefinitely postponed – SJ 00506

S 0056 General Bill by Hill (Identical H 0227) Guilty pleas; prohibits a state attorney from negotiating a plea & prohibits court from accepting a negotiated plea for persons charged with committing a robbery while carrying a weapon. Effective date: 10/01/81
12/05/80 – Senate – Prefiled

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Yeas – 96 – The Chair, Allen, Bankhead, Bell, Boles, Brantley, Brodie, Brown, Burnsed, Burrall, Carlton, Clements, Crady, Crawford, Crotty, Deratany, Drage, Dunbar, Dyer, Easley, Fontana, Foster, Fox, Friedman, Gallagher, Gardner, Gordon, Grant, Gustafson, Hagler, Hall, C.A., Hall, L. J., Hattaway, Hawkins, L.E., Hawkins, M.E., Hieber, Hodes, Hodges, G., Hodges, W.R., Hollingsworth, Johnson, A.E., Johnson, B.L., Johnson, R.C., Jones, C.F., Jones, D.L., Kelly, Kershaw, Kimmel, Kiser, Lehman, Lippman, Mann, Martin, Martinez, McPherson, S., McPherson, T., Meek, Meffert, Melby, Messersmith, Mills, Mitchell, Moffitt, Moore, Morgan, Myers, Nergard, Nuckolls, Pajcic, Patchett, Patterson, Plummer, J., Price, Ready, Richmond, Robinson, Rosen, Sadowski, Sample, Shackelford, Silver, Smith, C.R., Smith, L.J., Spaet, Steele, Thomas, Thompson, Tygart, Upchurch, Ward, Watt, Webster, Weinstock, Wetherell, Williams, Young.

Nays – 1 – Woodruff.

Votes after roll call: Yeas – Carpenter, Davis, J. H. Smith. So the bill passed and was immediately certified to the Senate.

Under Rule 7.11, CS/HB 1023, a similar or companion measure was laid on the table.

HB 1143 – a bill to be entitled An act relating to trust and agency investment matters; amending s. 215.45, Florida Statutes, establishing the authorized sales price for sales under call options; creating s. 215.455, Florida Statutes, authorizing the loan of securities; adding paragraphs (l) and (m) to s. 215.47(1), Florida Statutes, 1980 Supplement, and adding paragraph (i) to subsection (2), amending subsection (3), and adding subsection (6) to said section; authorizing the investment of public funds in prime commercial paper and bankers acceptance; increasing the percentage of funds which can be invested in common stocks; revising the criteria for investment in common stock; authorizing the use of options in selling or porchasing portfolio securities; authorizing repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements; providing an effective date. – Was read the third time by title. On passage, the vote was:

Yeas – 95 – The Chair, Allen, Bankhead, Boles, Brantley, Brodie, Brown, Burnsed, Burrall, Carlton, Carpenter, Clements, Crady, Crotty, Deratany, Drage, Dunbar, Dyer, Easley, Fontana, Fox, Friedman, Gallagher, Gardner, Gordon, Grant, Gustafson, Hagler, Hall, C.A., Hall, L.J., Hattaway, Hawkins, L.R., Hawkins, M.E. Hazouri, Hieber, Hodes, Hodges, G., Johnson, A.E., Johnson, B.L., Johnson, R.C., Jones, C.F., Jones, D.L., Kelly, Kershaw, Kimmel, Kiser, Lehman, Lehtinen, Lippman, Mann, Martin, Martinez, McPherson, S., McPherson, T., Meffert, Melby, Messersmith, Mills, Mitchell, Moffitt, Moore, Morgan, Myers, Nergard, Nuckolls, Ogden, Pajcic, Patchett, Patterson, Plummer, J., Plummer, L.H., Price, Ready, Richmond, Robinson, Sample, Shackelford, Silver, Smith, C.R., Smith, J.H., Smith, L.J., Spaet, Steele, Thomas, Thompson, Tygart, Upchurch, Ward, Watt, Webster, Weinstock, Wetherell, Williams, Woodruff, Young.

Nays – None. Votes after roll call:

Yeas – Davis.

So the bill passed, as amended, and was immediately certified to the Senate.

HB 524 was taken up. On motions by Rep. L. J. Smith, the rules were waived, and CS for SB 54 – A bill to be entitled An act relating to the purchase and sale of metals; amending s. 812.049(3), (4), Florida Statutes, 1980 Supplement; adding platinum to the definition of metals and limiting the definition

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of person dealing in secondhand goods; amending s. 812.051, Florida Statutes, 1980 Supplement; requiring that records of purchases contain additional identification and specific descriptive information; requiring that items purchased which contain certain metals be retained in an unaltered condition in the county and be available for inspection; limiting exemptions; providing the purchase of certain metals from any person under a certain age; requiring the posting of prices for certain metals, the weighing of certain metals in a certain manner, and the displaying of licenses under certain circumstances; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

– A similar measure was taken up in lieu of HB 524 and read the second time by title.

Representative L. J. Smith offered the following amendment:

Amendment 1 – On page 1, line 24, strike everything after the enacting clause and insert Section 1. Section 812.049, Florida Statutes, 1980 Supplement, is amended to read:

S12.049 Definitions – As used in s.812.051. (1) "Junk" means old or scrap metals.

(2) "Junk dealer" means any person who engages in the business of storing, keeping, buying, or selling junk.

(3) "Metals" means any copper wire which is or can be used for transmission or distribution in a utility or communications system, and any railroad track and accessories.

(4) *"Precious metals" means any item previously sold at retail, containing any gold, silver, or platinum.*

(5) "Person dealing in secondhand goods" means every person who engages in the business of buying or selling *precious* metals.

(6) "Scrap-metal processor" means a person maintaining and operating machinery and equipment used to process scrap metals to specifications prescribed by, and for sale to, mills and foundries.

(7) "Foundry" means a person who uses, casts, or consumes metals of any kind.

Section 2. Section 812.051, Florida Statutes, 1980 Supplement, is amended to read:

812.051. Records required of junk dealers, scrap-metal processors, persons dealing in secondhand goods, and foundries; *holding period for precious metals; prohibiting precious metal purchases from minors.*

(1) Every junk dealer, scrap-metal processor, person dealing in secondhand goods, or foundry shall keep a record of purchases of all metals as defined in s. 812.049(3) *and precious metals as defined in s. 812.049(4),* which record shall contain:

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(d) The quantity of metals *or precious metals* purchased.

(e) The date of the purchase.

(2) The records shall at all times be subject to inspection by all law enforcement officers and shall be preserved for a period of 3 years after purchase.

(3) The records of purchases of *precious metals,* utility copper wire, or railroad track and accessories shall be submitted to the sheriff of the county *and the municipal police department of the municipality* in which the business is operated within 24 hours after purchase.

(4) The provisions of subsection (3) shall not apply to scrap-metal processors purchasing metals from governmental entities, public utility companies, or railroad companies or from dealers certifying in writing that a report for the metals being purchased has previously been filed as required by this act.

(5) No articles containing precious metals shall be sold, melted, altered, or otherwise disposed of in any manner by any person dealing in secondhand goods until 15 days have elapsed from the time the sheriff of the county or the municpal law enforcement agency of the municipality in which the business is operated has had the records of purchase supplied to him as required by subsection (3). Said articles may not be transferred to another county during said 15-day period. Said items shall be made available for inspection by any law enforcement officer upon request.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person dealing in secondhand goods to knowingly buy, take, or receive by way of purchase or exchange any precious metals from any person under the age of 18 years.

(7) The provisions of this section shall apply only to purchases of metals as defined in s. 812.049(3) and precious metals as defined in s. 812.049(4). However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to *the purchase of any coin with an intrinsic value less than its numismatic value, or to the purchase of any gold bullion that has been assayed and is properly marked as to its weight and fineness, or to the purchase of any coin which is mounted in any jewelry setting.*

(8) Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of

the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 755.081.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1981.

Rep. Smith moved the adoption of the amendment, which was adopted.

Rep. L. J. Smith offered the following title amendment:

Amendment 2 – On page 1, lines 1-20, strike the title and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to the purchase and sale of metals; amending s. 812.049, Florida Statutes, 1980 Supplement; defining "metals"; defining "precious metals"; defining "person dealing in secondhand goods"; amending s. 812.051, Florida Statutes, 1980 Supplement; requiring that records of purchases contain additional information; requiring that purchased items containing precious metals be retained in an unaltered condition in the county and be available for inspection; prohibiting the purchase of precious metals from minors; providing exemptions; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

Rep. Smith moved the adoption of the amendment, which was adopted.

On motion by Rep. L. J. Smith, the rules were waived and CS/SB 54, as amended, was read the third time by title. On passage, the vote was:

Yeas – 95 – The Chair, Allen, Bankhead, Boles, Brantley, Brodie, Brown, Burnsed, Carlton, Carpenter, Clements, Crady, Crawford, Crotty, Davis, Deratany, Drage, Dyer, Easley, Fontana, Foster, Fox, Friedman, Gallagher, Gardner, Grant, Gustafson, Hagler, Hall, C.A., Hattaway, Hawkins, L.R., Hawkins, M.E., Hazouri, Hieber, Hodes, Hodges, G., Hodges, W.R., Hollingsworth, Johnson, A.E., Johnson, B.L., Johnson, R.C., Jones, C.F., Kelly, Kershaw, Kimmel, Kiser, Lehman, Lippman, Mann, Martin, Martinez, McPherson, S., McPherson, T., Meek, Meffert, Melby, Messersmith, Mills, Mitchell, Moffitt, Moore, Morgan, Myers, Nergard, Nuckolls, Ogden, Pajcic, Patchett, Plummer, J., Plummer, L.H., Price, Richmond, Robinson, Rosen, Sadowski, Sample, Shackelford, Silver, Smith, C.R., Smith, J.H., Smith, L.J., Spaet, Steele, Thomas, Thompson, Tygart, Upchurch, Ward, Watt, Webster, Weinstock, Wetherell, Williams, Woodruff, Young.

Nays – 8 – Burrall, Dunbar, Gordon, Hall, L.J., Jones, D.L., O'Malley, Patterson, Ready.

Votes after roll call: Yeas to Nays – R. C. Johnson.

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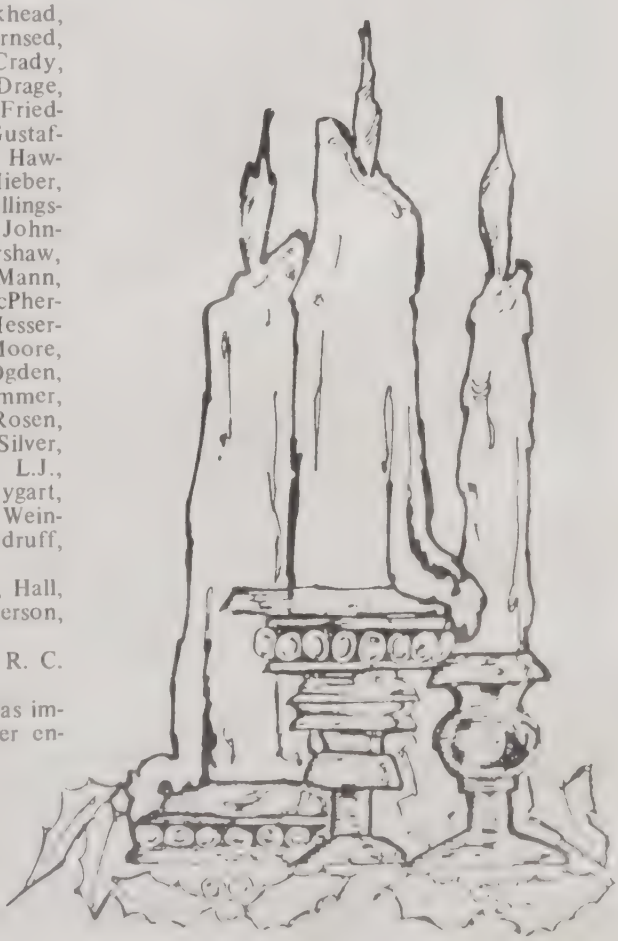

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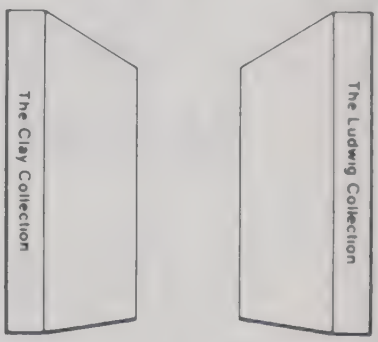

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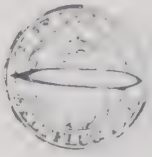

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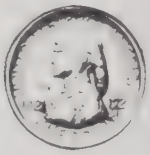

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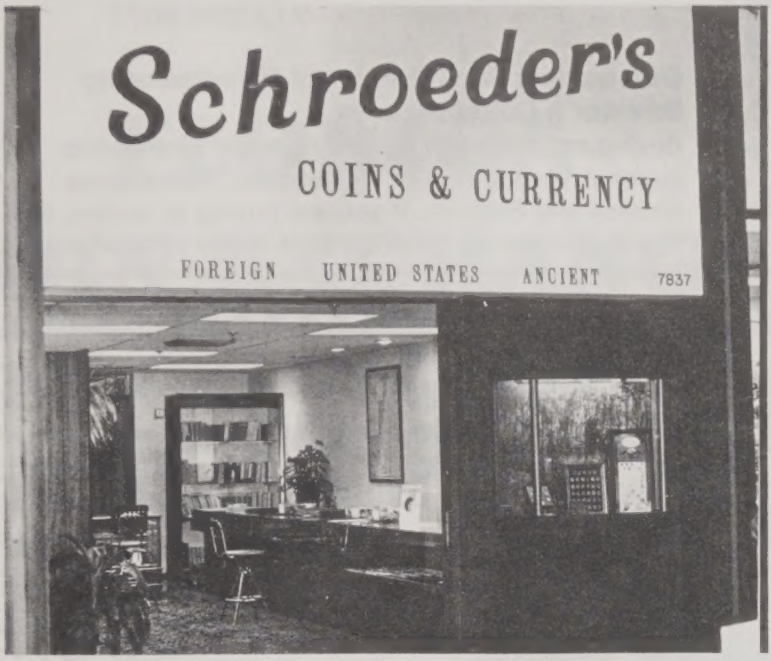

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